

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18 through 28, 30 through 33, 35 through 47, 49 through 52, 54 through 64, and 66 through 69 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 29, 34, 48, 53, 65, and 70 as follows:

1 - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A camera control apparatus comprising:
a display device that displays an image sensed by a camera, in accordance
with an image signal output from the camera;
a detection device that detects a figure scripted on a display screen on which
the image is being displayed by said display device;
a selection device that collates a pattern of the figure detected by said
detection device with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device, and selects a
command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure
pattern which corresponds to the detected figure; and
an output device that outputs the command,
wherein said output device outputs a control command for at least one of
pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera,
wherein if said detection device detects a substantially circular figure is
scripted on the display screen, then said output device outputs a command for controlling
the zoom ratio according to a size of the substantially circular figure detected, and

~~A camera control apparatus according to Claim 28~~, wherein if said detection device detects a substantially circular figure is scripted on the display screen, then said output device further outputs a control command for performing at least one of pan and tilt of the camera such that an image displayed at a center of the substantially circular figure is positioned at a center of the display screen.

30 - 33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A camera control apparatus comprising:
a display device that displays an image sensed by a camera, in accordance
with an image signal output from the camera;
a detection device that detects a figure scripted on a display screen on which
the image is being displayed by said display device;
a selection device that collates a pattern of the figure detected by said
detection device with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device, and selects a
command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure
pattern which corresponds to the detected figure; and
an output device that outputs the command,
wherein said output device outputs a control command for at least one of
pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera,

~~A camera control apparatus according to Claim 21~~, wherein if said detection device detects a line is scripted so as to form one loop on the display screen, then said output ~~means~~ device outputs a control command for terminating control of the camera.

35 - 47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a camera control system comprising:

a detection step of detecting a figure scripted on a display screen on which an image formed by a camera is being displayed;

a selection step of collating a pattern of a figure detected in said detecting step with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device, and selecting a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure pattern corresponding to the detected figure; and

an output step of outputting the selected command,

wherein said output step comprises outputting a control command for at least one of pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera,

wherein said detecting step includes detecting scripting of a substantially circular figure on the display screen, and said output step includes outputting a command for controlling the zoom ratio in accordance with the size of the substantially circular figure detected in said detecting step, and

~~A method according to Claim 47, wherein said detecting step includes detecting scripting of a substantially circular figure on the display screen, and wherein said output step includes outputting a control command for performing at least one of pan and tilt of the camera so that an image displayed at a center of the substantially circular figure detected in said detecting step is positioned at a center of the display screen.~~

49 - 52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a camera control system comprising:

a detection step of detecting a figure scripted on a display screen on which an image formed by a camera is being displayed;

a selection step of collating a pattern of a figure detected in said detecting step with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device, and selecting a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure pattern corresponding to the detected figure; and

an output step of outputting the selected command,

wherein said output step comprises outputting a control command for at least one of pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera, and

~~A method according to Claim 40, wherein said ~~detecting~~ detection step includes detecting an action of scripting a line so as to form one loop on the display screen, and said output step includes outputting a control command for terminating control of the camera in response to detection of a scripted loop in ~~the detecting~~ said detection step.~~

54 - 64. (Cancelled)

65. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a computer executable program for controlling a camera control apparatus, the stored program including computer executable code for causing the apparatus to perform the following functions:

displaying an image formed by a camera, in accordance with an image signal output from the camera;

detecting a figure scripted on a display screen on which the image is being displayed;

collating a pattern of the detected figure with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device;

selecting a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure pattern which corresponds to the detected figure; and

outputting the selected command,

wherein the stored program includes computer executable code for causing the camera control apparatus to output a control command for at least one of pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera,

wherein the stored program includes computer executable code for causing the camera control apparatus to detect a scripting of a substantially circular figure on the display screen, and to output a command for controlling the zoom ratio in accordance with the size of the substantially circular figure detected, and

~~A storage medium according to Claim 64, wherein the stored program includes computer executable code for causing the camera control apparatus to detect a scripting of a substantially circular figure on the display screen, and to output a control command for performing at least one of pan and tilt of the camera such that an image displayed at a center of the substantially circular figure is positioned at a center of the display screen.~~

66 - 69. (Cancelled)

70. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a computer executable program for controlling a camera control apparatus, the stored program including computer executable code for causing the apparatus to perform the following functions:

displaying an image formed by a camera, in accordance with an image signal output from the camera;

detecting a figure scripted on a display screen on which the image is being displayed;

collating a pattern of the detected figure with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device;

selecting a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure pattern which corresponds to the detected figure; and

outputting the selected command.

wherein the stored program includes computer executable code for causing the camera control apparatus to output a control command for at least one of pan control, tilt control, and zoom control of the camera, and

~~A storage medium according to Claim 57, wherein the stored program includes computer executable code for causing the camera control apparatus to detect a scripting of a line that forms one loop on the display screen, and to output a control command for terminating control of the camera in response to the detection.~~

71 - 72. (Cancelled)